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: DECISION NOTING JOINDER OF
: INVENTOR AND PETITION UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.47(a) MOOT

Papers filed on July 30, 2003, includes a Declaration signed by previously nonsigning inventor Zhi-Heng Huang in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63.

In view of the joinder of the inventor, further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is moot; this application does not have any rule 1.47(a) status and no such status should appear on the file wrapper. This application need not be returned to this office for any further consideration under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600 for examination in due course.

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